

## CARD PLAYING A SIN.

Dr. Riker's Third Talk in his Series on Worldly Amusements.

## PLAIN LANGUAGE FROM HIS LIPS

On the Evil of Social Games as he Sees it—People who have been led astray by the Card Table and Come to Bad Ends—What the Social Card Table Means in his Opinion.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker preached his third sermon on popular amusements at the Fourth street M. E. church last night, his subject being "Card Playing." The series of "talks" as Dr. Riker calls them, is evidently of deep interest to the church-going people of Wheeling, as he had a great audience, the largest of the month.

He said that though there was no special command against card-playing it should be shunned on the ground of expediency. The outlines of his talk last night were the same as the others.

Card playing was brought to Europe from Asia in the thirteenth century, and was of Asiatic origin, probably having been invented in China. These innocent looking little pieces of card board are in themselves harmless. There is nothing in the marks or emblems printed on them that is demoralizing. In the influence and associations of the game, the same cannot be said. On the introduction of the game into Europe, it at once sprang into extreme favor with all classes, in fact became a craze. People neglected business to follow the new and fascinating game. As a consequence it was prohibited by several governments.

Those persons who ask ministers if a social game of cards is or is not harmful are mostly young people, and their desire for information and enlightenment should be respected. The game of cards as an institution is distinctly beneficial in its influence and should be excluded from every Christian home. Social intercourse between young people is to be encouraged always, but I would appeal to the young as well as the older people to hold up and maintain a high standard of social life.

Where is this fascinating and alluring game played? In the Christian home, in social gatherings, in the camp of the soldier, on the village green, at watering places, in the saloon, in

the lowest haunts of vice, in the brothel, and in all the lowest and most degrading places of life. The game as played in the home and in society is the same as played by the lowest, basest and most degraded persons. Is the association creditable to Christian people? Can you play cards to the glory of God, or to the enlightenment of your mind? No, it is but a means of killing time. If you persist in killing time, it will end by time killing you. This wasting of time is terrible to contemplate, and more time is killed in the pursuing of this game than almost anything else.

By diligence and earnestness, on the other hand, what cannot be accomplished? A young man came to Chattanooga, Tennessee, from Chicago, and applied for a position in a bank. He got it, and it was but four weeks, until when a clearing house was established, he was made manager. That young man did not kill time, or allow opportunities to glide by unnoticed.

A mother complained of the alienation of her grown children's affection, and their loss of home interest. On investigation it was found that the mother had wasted her opportunities in early life, and was not capable of interesting her sons after they had reached manhood. They had outgrown her, and sought other places of amusement.

As an example of what application to the business of life will do, he told how a Columbus man, who had failed in business, applied at an establishment for something to do. He was at first refused, but was finally given the job of cleaning the cellar at

THREE DOLLARS A WEEK. He did this so well that at the end of the week his salary was doubled, and in six months he was getting a salary of a hundred dollars a month, and when heard from not long since was drawing the very comfortable salary of fifteen thousand dollars a year.

Cards fascinate and draw its victims into an almost inextinguishable net. Speaking of his own experience, he said he learned while on a farm, following it up later when in college. The fascination of the game got such a hold on him he neglected his business and studies. He failed in his lessons, headaches came to him from playing the game late at night. Finally he made up his mind to quit, and "I owe to that resolution whatever I now am."

He asked if prayer would be appropriate at a card party. If prayers are out of place at a card party, then cards are out of place in a Christian home. In the language of the Bible, some things are lawful, but all things are not expedient.

Gambling, the natural consequence of cards, which are the tools of the former, is rated as the third of the great evils. First comes indifference to religion, next licentiousness, then gambling. In progressive culture, the favorite game in social gatherings, the same tools are used as in the lowest gambling hell.

What is the genius or attraction in card playing? It must have something of the kind, otherwise it could not have for six centuries remained a favorite and popular amusement. It is the love of chance that makes it such a favorite; the peculiar, fascinating witchery of chance is the genius. Need it be asked if it is dangerous? An example is found in a young man who had about made up his mind to join the church, when he was invited by a young lady to participate in a game of cards. He accepted. The next night he was at the church, but not in a front seat, and soon

DEPARTED FROM CHURCH INFLUENCES. Years afterward, in a drunken frenzy he struck his father who laid between life and death for a long time. His career was ruined forever. When that man lies tortured in the depths of hell, that woman ought also to be there. This witchery of chance was the cause of that ruin.

Can a Christian in the face of all this, indulge in such a pastime?

The mania for gambling is born in the parlor of the progressive culture name. When the craze has taken possession of the player, he is not satisfied with this seemingly innocent game, and goes to the gambling hell where his skill is rewarded with substantial gains.

No man is safe who tinkers with this game of chance.

No man who plays cards with a girl for stakes wants to marry her. The man who does marry a gambling girl is an incipient candidate for the divorce

court. The only safe course to pursue in the matter, is to touch not. Young man, don't see how close you can go to the precipice, and yet be saved.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

No attraction at either opera house this evening.

A regular meeting of the city council is due to-morrow evening.

Charles Pettymann, 21, and Florence Fish, 18, were on Saturday licensed to wed.

The feast of St. Cecilia was celebrated with due ceremony at the St. Alphonsus church yesterday.

Sportsmen complain of the scarcity of partridges and pheasants in this section, but somehow they are plenty in market.

The Carrier's hop at Cycles' Hall, Wednesday evening, promises to be a well attended affair, a large number of tickets having been sold.

An adjourned meeting of the Council committee on elections will be held this evening to arrange for holding the city election in January under the new ballot law. A great deal of work will have to be done in arranging precincts, etc.

The Wheeling Cycles' hop, which occurs on Thursday evening, December 1, will doubtless be a brilliant evening's entertainment. The knights of the silent steel are great hustlers, and are determined to make this an event in athletic circles.

GEORGE COCKLE, an Ohio River railroad freight conductor, received a painful injury Saturday evening at Friendly. While getting off a car he slipped to the ground, the fall breaking the cap of his right knee. He was brought to his home on Water street in this city on the passenger train, which arrives here at 8 o'clock.

## ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Secretary of State William A. Olney was in town Saturday.

David W. Brodie, formerly of Wheeling, died in Allegheny.

State Senator Dorsey, of Moundsville, was here Saturday afternoon.

C. J. Mitchell and wife, of Moundsville, stopped at the Behler yesterday.

Miss Anna Reed, of the South Side, leaves to-morrow for a visit to Wellsville, Ohio.

Assistant City Engineer Alvin L. White and bride have returned from a month's wedding tour.

Mr. Peter Wendel's condition continues quite favorable, all danger of any serious results having passed.

Mr. Pendleton, of Pittsburgh, special agent of the census department in glass manufacture, is at the Stamm.

Mr. James O. Howell, formerly a druggist of Bridgeport, is attending lectures at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

S. W. Booher, of Moundsville, T. W. Fleming, of Fairmont, and W. H. Showers, of Glendale, registered at the Stamm yesterday.

Gen. B. D. Spillman, of Parkersburg; F. A. Pritchard, of Mannington; Charles H. Beall, and W. H. Duval, of Wellsburg, are at the Windsor.

Mr. D. B. McIlwain, the well known representative of an English hardware manufacturing firm, with headquarters in New York, is in the city on his periodical visit, and is warmly greeted by his old friends.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schwall will extend the sincerest sympathy in their affliction, the death of their infant child, which is announced elsewhere this morning. The funeral will occur this afternoon.

## THE THIRD SNOW STORM

Of the Season—A Pretty Strong Spell of Win or Makes itself Felt.

It is unusual to have the third snow of the season by November 20, but Saturday the third snow storm of this season set in, and a good one it was. In the quantity of snow that fell it was above the average, and yesterday morning the weather was down to a very fair winter temperature, and the snow creaked under one's feet as it seldom does in this climate except in the depth of winter.

The snow was general, the hills and fields being white for miles in all directions, and yesterday morning ice half an inch thick had formed on still pools, while a thin seam covered the smaller streams. The snow clung to the trees and bushes with unwonted tenacity, and the woods and orchards presented a very pretty appearance till the bright sun thawed their fleecy covering off.

The boys had their sleds out before the streets were white Saturday evening, but nobody had the temerity to get out a sleigh, for a wonder.

## Wife of New York.

The Waifs of New York will be the next attraction at the Grand Opera House, beginning with a Thursday matinee, Thanksgiving day and balance of the week. The play is exciting and sensational, but pure, and full of healthy interest. The stage settings are excellent, particularly the opening scene of Trinity church and the railroad trestle scene, where two trains, sparks flying, bells ringing, whistles tooting, spin across the tracks to the imminent peril of the "Waifs," who save themselves by hanging beneath the trestle. Seats on sale at Genther's.

## "Jupiter" Appears.

Mr. Digby Bell and his company had two crowded houses Saturday in "Jupiter." The opera contains some pleasing music and lots of comedy, all enjoyable if not all new. It is well acted and well sung, and made a better impression than the average performance of the kind seen in Wheeling.

C. L. & W. Train Service, E. C. & Co. No. 21, Over the W. B. & T. R.

Train for Cleveland, Toledo and Chicago leaves Terminal depot 6:40 a. m., city time, arrives at Cleveland 12:15 p. m., Toledo 1:55 p. m. and Chicago 9:00 p. m.

Passengers for Toledo and Chicago go via Lake Shore Route; no change of cars between Wheeling and Cleveland. Train for Cincinnati, New Philadelphia, Canal Dover and Massillon, Ohio, leave from same depot 3:20 p. m.

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## For Three Days On.

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## OVER FORTY YEARS AGO

John McKee, Son of Redick McKee, left Wheeling for the West.

## HIS RETURN TO HIS NATIVE TOWN.

He Attends Religious Services in the Church in which he was Baptized Sixty-six Years Ago—Some Interesting Talk about California and the Pacific Coast.

Yesterday, after morning service, a distinguished looking visitor held something very like a levee in the First Presbyterian church, in which he was baptized sixty-six years ago. This was his first visit to Wheeling since he left here forty-two years ago to seek his fortune in the gold diggings. His coming was unheralded and he had to introduce himself to the friends of his youth. The visitor was Mr. John McKee, a prosperous banker of San Francisco, son of Redick McKee, first superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church and in his time one of Wheeling's foremost men. Since 1857 Mr. McKee has been in the banking business in San Francisco. He has grown up with that city and is an encyclopedia on Pacific coast affairs. An INTELLIGENCER reporter asked Mr. McKee if the Chinese problem, as it presents itself in San Francisco, is nearing a solution.

"I cannot say that it is," replied Mr. McKee. We have from 40,000 to 50,000 of them, and opinions are divided concerning them according to the light in which they are viewed. Their very virtues are a menace. They are industrious, thrifty, save money on earnings that would not suffice for a man of family. But they take the place of men who would maintain families. What they do they do well, generally better than the white man. Then there are their vices, with which we are unable to deal successfully. You know how they huddle together. Probably you know that they are inveterate gamblers. They seem to be born thieves. To this rule I think there are few exceptions. They are growing in strength in the trades and in some branches of business. Virtually they have a monopoly of the cigar business and of shoe-making—white men simply can't compete with them. As domestic servants they have no equals, and some of them command high wages. They get from \$5 to \$30 a month. As cooks they are artists. It used to be that when they had saved \$1,000 they went home to remain. Now their ideas are higher. With four or five times that they can live comfortably in China for the remainder of their days without work. There are some of our people who think the Chinese should be allowed to come to this country to be christianized. From my own observation I think it better to make the effort to christianize them in China. We had an excellent servant who had saved a few hundred dollars and determined to go home. As he was about to leave he handed my wife a gift and the Bible she had given him, remarking that as he was going back to his own country he would not need the Bible—he had had enough Jesus religion." He had attended Sunday school to learn English, as I am convinced most of them do.

Asked about business and business openings in California and San Francisco, Mr. McKee replied: "The opening of new roads to the north and south has cut into San Francisco's territory and considerably restricted business opportunities. It used to be, when our heavy goods were brought around the Horn and our lighter freights by the Isthmus, that capital and brains counted for something. Men had to study the markets and look ahead, and on their wisdom in buying ahead their success depended. Now a dealer may order \$100 worth of goods at a time, and in ten days his purchase reaches San Francisco from New York. We have not got quite yet used to the new conditions. San Francisco is solid and having a solid growth. It is destined to be one of the great cities of the continent, but business offers no attractions for new-comers unless they come with good eastern connections already made. In fruit-raising it is possible for a man with twenty acres to raise a family and accumulate enough to make him independent. This has been demonstrated, but it cannot be done every where in California nor by every man. The man who has muscle, knows how to work and is willing to work can by the exercise of a cautious intelligence settle in California where he is certain to do well, for he can work every day in the year. But \$20 gold pieces do not grow on the trees and are not picked up in the streets. Men have become rich by finding gold or in other fortunate ventures, but these things are of course not to be depended on."

The reporter asked Mr. McKee about the cost of living, naming certain articles of necessity.

"Well," answered Mr. McKee, looking admiringly on a natural gas fire, "we pay \$7 a ton for Seattle coal, but for use in my kitchen I have to use half Seattle coal and half Wellington coal, at \$9, and a quarter of a ton of coke. This gives me an ideal fuel at about \$11.50 a ton. Seattle coal is not nearly so good as your Wheeling coal. Wheeling is much favored in this respect. I pay twenty cents a pound for beef steak and the same for roast. Just before I left home I was paid sixty cents a dozen for eggs. This was higher than the usual range. Sea gull eggs from the Farallone Islands are much used, particularly in the cheaper restaurants and hotels. They have a stronger taste than hen eggs, but this is disguised by the seasoning. Roll butter sells for thirty-five to forty cents. No, you would not call that cheap living."

"What about the nail mill you have out there, Mr. McKee?"

"I think it has not been able to compete with the Wheeling mill, which I understand to have the best reputation of any in the market."

Then Mr. McKee fell to asking some questions himself. He wanted to know about the people who were old when he was young and those who were young when he was a lad in Wheeling. One name called up another and when the reporter left him he had gone pretty well through the directory of half a century ago. Mr. McKee is registered at the Melure House, but friends have not given him much opportunity to become acquainted with that hostelry. He leaves to-night for home, taking with him the best wishes of friends who hope that hereafter his visits to his native city may not be forty-two years apart.

Eow. L. Rose & Co., State Agents for the Calligraph, find that the new keys, keyboard and marginal stop, recently placed on that typewriter, are most favorably commented on. The manufacturers are determined that in the future, as well as in the past, that "it stands at the head, sure."

## AN AVALANCHE

Comes Down the Mountain Side and Sweeps a Family Away.

FAIR HAVEN, WASH., Nov. 20.—An avalanche came down the mountain on the eastern side of Lake Watcom early yesterday morning, sweeping the house occupied by Warren Burgess and wife into the lake. They were sleeping when the avalanche started and when they woke up they were 500 feet out from shore in a pile of debris. Burgess had his leg crushed, but managed to rescue his wife and swim with her to the shore. They lay on the lake shore without clothing in a terrific storm for seven hours. Burgess's injuries are liable to prove fatal.

## NOBODY KILLED.

A Passenger Train Goes Over an Embankment Near Jackson, Alabama.

MOBILE, ALA., Nov. 20.—Ten miles south of Jackson the south bound train on the Mobile & Birmingham railway jumped the track this morning and went down an embankment into a ditch. Only the tender and engine kept the track. The smoker and a passenger car took fire. They were extinguished with difficulty by the passengers. Of the thirty passengers in the cars all escaped with slight injury, except Edward Adams, a traveling salesman for Stearns & Co., of Cincinnati. He received serious internal injuries.

## Mrs. August Belmont Dead.

New York, Nov. 20.—Mrs. August Belmont, widow of the late August Belmont, the well known banker, died after a lingering illness at her residence, 109 Fifth avenue, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. About a year ago Mrs. Belmont had a severe attack of the grip. From time to time since then Mrs. Belmont has been a sufferer from the results of that attack, and during the past three weeks she has been gradually growing worse, and a week ago hopes of her recovery were abandoned.

## Health of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—Surgeon General Browne, in his annual report to the secretary of the navy, shows that the naval vessels were remarkably free from contagious disease during the past fiscal year. There was no yellow fever or cholera, but seven cases of small pox and twenty-eight cases of measles. The cases of grip number 512, very little more than one half the number reported for the previous year.

## The McKinley Bill is in Operation.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 20.—The Manville Company notified its employees yesterday that their wages would be increased on December 5. The amount of the increase was not stated. About 1,500 hands are employed in the mill. This action is in line with that announced by the large cotton manufacturers of the state last week.

## Steamship News.

LAVERGNE, Nov. 20.—Arrived, Georgian, Boston.

HAVRE, Nov. 20.—Arrived, LeBretagne, New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, Nov. 20.—Arrived, Alver, New York.

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## DIED.

SCHWAB—On Saturday, November 19, 1892, CLAUDE, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schwab.

Funeral from their residence, 715 Main street, Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

KLUGG—On Sunday, November 20, 1892, at 10:00 p. m. FRANK KLUGG, aged 65 years. Funeral notice hereafter.

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Study effects in bold pretty type—good matter may be spoiled by ugly dressing. Seek to catch the eye by a display of good taste in the style and arrangement of your announcement.

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